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MOVEMENT IN GAME, STORAGE  
MEDIUM, AND INFORMATION  
PROCESSING APPARATUS  
Group Art Unit: 2121  
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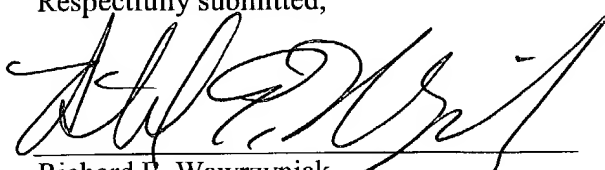
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